

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3443

C O N F I D E N T I A L BEIRUT 3443

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: APER, LE

SUBJECT: PROPOSED REDUCTION USDAO BEIRUT (INSPECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION  
NO. 51)

REF: BEIRUT 3378

FURTHER TO COMMENT IN REFTTEL, IT SHOULD BE POINTED OUT  
THAT AMBASSADOR PORTER AFTER 1967 WAR OPPOSED THE ESTABLISH-  
MENT OF AN AIR ATTACHE IN BEIRUT AS BEING UNNECESSARY.  
UNDER GREAT PRESSURE FROM DEFENSE, HE EVENTUALLY ACCEPTED  
AN AIR ATTACHE ON THE BASIS THAT THE ASSIGNED AIR ATTACHE  
WOULD REMAIN IN BEIRUT ONLY UNTIL SUCH A TIME AS A POST  
WOULD BE REOPENED IN CAIRO. THE ARRANGEMENT WAS AGREED  
IN WASHINGTON BY AMBASSADOR PORTER AND A GENERAL FROM  
DEFENSE (PRESUMABLY IN THEIR ATTACHE OFFICE) IN THE  
PRESENCE OF DCM HOUGHTON WHO WAS AT THE TIME COUNTRY  
DIRECTOR FOR ARN. HOUGHTON'S RECOLLECTION IS THAT  
DEFENSE'S ARGUMENT BASED PRINCIPALLY ON FACT THAT  
THE OFFICER TO GO TO CAIRO HAD BEEN DESIGNATED, BRIEFED,  
TRAINED, ETC., AND THAT HIS ASSIGNMENT TO BEIRUT WOULD  
BE TEMPORARY.  
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